

### **Captive Rearing and Recovery: Putting the Pieces Together**

Oregon Zoo in Portland

Saturday, 21 February 2009; 9:30-12:30+; leave Skamania Lodge 8:30 AM

Contact: Mary Linders to sign up or for additional information

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Limit: 20

Captive rearing is often employed to bring rare species back from the brink. We see flashy news coverage of the release site, but where's the rest of the story? What goes on backstage at the Oregon Zoo? Join us for a close-up look at endangered animals in captivity. We'll see tiny turtles, fledgling frogs and larval Lepidoptera. We'll also learn about efforts to rescue captive condors and put pygmy rabbits on a road to recovery. Afterwards, explore the Zoo at your leisure. Transportation can be arranged as needed. There is no cost for the field trip, but a conservation donation is welcome.

### **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Tour**

Saturday, 21 February 2009; 7:30 – 12:00PM

Contact: Joe Engler to sign up or for additional information

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Limit: 15

The group will meet at the entrance kiosk of the River S Unit by 0730 where we will carpool and drive to the Roth Unit. This unit is closed to the general public. The Roth Unit is a mix of small open meadows, a tidal slough and lake, and riparian habitat. This unit is a preferred site of dusky Canada geese and contains the largest sandhill crane night roost along the lower Columbia River in WA. Other species that are possible to see include all of the winter woodland songbirds, raptors and waterfowl; black-tailed deer, otter, and coyotes may be encountered. We will drive to the unit and once there, we will be walking the remainder of the trip. Bring boots or shoes for wet conditions, raingear, water and food, binoculars and spotting scope. Since we will be touring a closed area, all participants must stay for the duration of the trip. Ridgefield NWR is about 60 miles from Skamania Lodge, so allow at least 1.5 hours for the commute. A map and directions to the refuge will be distributed at the meeting.

There is a possibility that the Refuge may be closed due to bridge repair work. If that happens, we will go to Pierce NWR in the Columbia River Gorge, near Skamania Lodge.